(No. 227)

(Approved August 23, 2004)

AN ACT

amend subsection (a) of Section 12 of Act No. 53 of June 10, 1996, as amended, to increase to two thousand one hundred dollars (2,100) the basic rate of the salary schedules of the Police Officer or Agent and increase to two hundred and twenty-five (225) dollars per month the salary of the members of the Puerto Rico Police Ranking System from the rank of Police Officer or Agent, beginning October 1, 2004; increase to two thousand two hundred (2,200) dollars the basic rate of the salary schedules of the Police Officer or Agent and provide an increase of one hundred (100) dollars per month to the members of the Puerto Rico Police Ranking System from the rank of Police Officer or Agent, beginning October 1, 2005; and to establish the provisions thereof.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Among their duties the members of the Puerto Rico Police have the great responsibility of protecting persons and properties, maintaining the public order and preventing and persecuting crime. These responsibilities are conscientiously fulfilled by an excellent team of officers who, from day to day, courageously and with a great sense of duty face and assume the risks and difficulties proper to their profession.

Conscious of this reality, this Act seeks to establish, through salary schedules (not amended since 1996) that incorporate for the Police Officer or Agent, the increase of one hundred (100) dollars granted on January 1, 2004 and of two hundred and twenty-five (225) dollars by October 1, 2004 and of one hundred (100) dollars as of October 1, 2005, for an increase of

four hundred and twenty-five (425) dollars within that period of time. However, by October 1, 2004, the final impact is estimated to amount to forty-three million six hundred ninety-five thousand two hundred and four (43,695,204) dollars, with an additional impact of three million eight hundred and fifty-five thousand eight hundred and four (3,855,804) dollars, product of the horizontal movements reflected in the schedules.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.-Subsection (a) of Section 12 of Act No. 53 of June 10, 1996, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) This Act shall be known as the 'Salary Increase for the Members of the Puerto Rico Police Ranking System Act."

As of October 1, 2004, the compensation schedules of the members of the Puerto Rico Police shall be the following:

MONTHLY COMPENSATION SCHEDULES FOR THE RANKS OF THE PUERTO RICO POLICE

Category	Básico	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Max.
CADET	1718	1744											1770
OFFICER OR AGENT	2100	2132	2163	2196	2229	2262	2296	2331	2366	2401	2437	2474	2511
SERGEANT	2182	2215	2248	2282	2316	2351	2386	2422	2458	2495	2532	2570	2609
SECOND LIEUTENANT	2264	2316	2369	2424 2480	2537	2595	2655						2716
FIRST LIEUTENANT	2379	2434	2490	2547	2606	2665	2727	2789					2854
CAPTAIN	2590	2668	2748	2830	2915	3003	3093	3185					3281
INSPECTOR	2650	2730	2811	2896	2983	3072	3164	3259					3357
COMMANDER	2753	2836	2921	3008	3099	3191	3287	3386					3487
LIEUTENANT COLONEL	2929	3017	3107	3201	3297	3396	3497	3602					3710
COLONEL	3143	3237	3334	3434	3537	3644	3753	3865					3981

MAXIMUM RATE SCHEDULE RATES OVER THE MAXIMUM

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CADET	1796	1851	1879										
OFFICER OR AGENT	2548	2587	2625	2665	2705	2745	2787	2828	2871	2914	2958	3002	3047
SERGEANT	2648	2688	2728	2769	2810	2853	2895	2939	2983	3026	3073	3119	3166
SECOND LIEUTENANT	2778	2842	2907	2974	3043	3113	3184	3258	3332				
FIRST LIEUTENANT	2919	2986	3055	3125	3197	3271	3346	3423	3502				
CAPTAIN	3379	3481	3585	3693	3804	3918	4035	4156	4281				
INSPECTOR	3458	3561	3668	3778	3892	4008	4129	4252	4380				
COMMANDER	3592	3700	3811	3925	4043	4164	4289	4418	4550				
LIEUTENANT COLONEL	3822	3936	4054	4176	4301	4430	4563	4700	4841				
COLONEL	4101	4224	4351	4481	4616	4754	4897	5004	5195				

Section 2.-As of October 1, 2005, the compensation schedules provided in Section 1 of the Act shall be adjusted to increase the basic salary of the Police Officer or Agent to two thousand two hundred (2,200) dollars per month; likewise, the basic salary and the intermediate compensation rates of each of the higher ranks in the schedule shall be increased by one hundred (100) dollars.

Section 3.-The members of the Puerto Rico Police Ranking System in active service, from the rank of Police Officer or Agent, shall receive the basic salary of the class or an increase of two hundred twenty-five (225) dollars and of one hundred (100) dollars, respectively, on October 1, 2004, in the schedules provided in Section 1 and on October 1, 2005, as a result of the implementation of the schedules provided in Section 1 of this Act, or whatever is greater.

Section 4.- The members of the Puerto Rico Police Ranking System in active service, from the rank of Police Officer or Agent, shall receive the basic salary of the class or an increase of two hundred twenty-five (225) dollars and of one hundred (100) dollars, respectively, on October 1, 2004 and on October 1, 2005, as a result of the implementation of the new schedules, or whatever is greater.

Section 5.-This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 227 (H.B. 4436) of the 7^{th} Session of the 14^{th} Legislature of Puerto Rico:

AN ACT to amend subsection (a) of Section 12 of Act No. 53 of June 10, 1996, as amended, to increase to two thousand one hundred dollars (2,100) the basic rate of the salary schedules of the Police Officer or Agent and increase to two hundred and twenty-five (225) dollars per month the salary of the members of the Puerto Rico Police Ranking System from the rank of Police Officer or Agent, beginning October 1, 2004; increase to two thousand two hundred (2,200) dollars the basic rate of the salary schedules of the Police Officer or Agent and provide an increase of one hundred (100) dollars per month to the members of the Puerto Rico Police Ranking System from the rank of Police Officer or Agent, beginning October 1, 2005; and to establish the provisions thereof,

has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 29th of September of 2005.

Francisco J. Domenech Director